

District 8: Latino Affairs Official State Interpreter Roster

Name: Alexia Solis

Specialist: No

Field of Specialty: N/A

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Home County: Clinton

Hours Available to Work: Please call



Personal/Professional Profile: Native of Mexico educated in Mexico and the United States. I graduated from high school with high honors. I received the Presidential award from Des Moines Area Community College while attending classes to become a qualified interpreter. I am a member of Phi Theta Kappa Gamma International Honor Society.

Name: Themis Karina Suarez

Specialist: No

Field of Specialty: N/A

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Home County: Des Moines

Hours Available to Work: Mornings & evenings



Personal/Professional Profile: I am a proactive, adaptable and conscientious interpreter. I am a diplomatic communicator. Consistently working to the highest professional and ethical standards.

Name: Derek Maurer

Specialist: No

Field of Specialty: N/A

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Home County: Johnson

Hours Available to Work: By arrangement



Personal/Professional Profile: I have worked primarily with the Free Medical Clinic in Iowa City and am most familiar with chronic health conditions, but am willing and eager to help in other settings as well. I am somewhat limited in the time I can give to interpretation by my work obligations.

Name: Maria Martinez

Specialist: No

Field of Specialty: N/A

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Home County: Linn

Hours Available to Work: Flexible

Personal/Professional Profile: Mature woman of Mexican background with many years of experience, available for personal or business translations and interpreting.



Name: Juana Maria Plum

Specialist: Yes

Field of Specialty: Health

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Home County: Mahaska

Hours Available to Work: Evenings & weekends or by appointment with plenty of time notice.



Personal/Professional Profile: Juana holds native fluency in both Spanish and English. She has a degree as a generalist and medical interpreter. Juana's main job at Clow Valve Company is Safety Technician at the Metal Casting Facility. Her job exposes her to help with bilingual communication in all areas of the company: medical, HR, education, manufacturing and administration. She teaches OSHA classes to employees in Spanish. Her safety team has led her company to become one of the elite group of OSHA VPP Star Sites in the State of Iowa.

Name: Oscar Alvarez

Specialist: No

Field of Specialty: N/A

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Home County: Muscatine

Hours Available to Work: Mon-Sat
7am-6pm

Personal/Professional Profile: I am from Mexico and have a degree in economics. I am an electrician and during tax season I prepare taxes. I am a notary public in Iowa. I speak, read and write in English and Spanish.



Name: Ruben Arias-Pe

Specialist: No

Field of Specialty: N/A

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Home County: Polk

Hours Available to Work: Weekdays
after 5pm, & weekends



Personal/Professional Profile: Right now I am working as an Auditor II for the Iowa Department of Revenue. Bachelor Degree in Business Administration from the University of La Habana Cuba, Masters Degree in Accounting, Statistics and Marketing from the same university, CPA certification from the University of Florida (Gainesville).

Name: Cesar De Leon

Specialist: No

Field of Specialty: N/A

Phone: 515-401-5360 or cell 515-423-6319

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Home County: Polk

Hours Available to Work: Flexible



Personal/Professional Profile: I am a college graduate from Interpreter/Translator Associate Degree/DMAACC 2007. I have been working for several years as a volunteer Spanish/English translator in general and court issues for several entities, including the faith community. I'm working for non-profit agency as a Spanish/English translator in health issues. I have demonstrated leadership skills, maturity, professional attitude and ability to work with focus groups. I enjoy working with people face to face. I work as a volunteer with Des Moines Public Schools as an interpreter for parent teacher conferences. I can provide you with references about my professional experience upon request.

Name: Erik Franco Francia

Specialist: No

Field of Specialty: N/A

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Home County: Polk

Hours Available to Work: Weekday
evenings/all day weekends



Personal/Professional Profile: Experience as an interpreter in the field of healthcare.
Translator's experience in the court field.

Name: Melissa Garcia

Specialist: Yes

Field of Specialty: Judiciary

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Home County: Polk

Hours Available to Work: Anytime

Personal/Professional Profile: N/A



Name: Mauricio Matheu-Gonzalez

Specialist: Yes

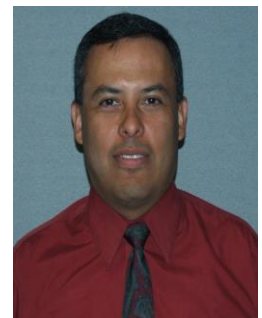
Field of Specialty: Judiciary

Phone: 515-451-3506

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Home County: Polk

Hours Available to Work: Any day of
the week upon agreement.



Personal/Professional Profile: With 10+ years experience on translations as well as interpretation in different fields including but not limited to medial, judicial, literature and others. Medical interpretation at Mercy hospital for three years. Legal translations at Wells Fargo for three years. Presidential forums in the Des Moines area. Born and raised in Guatemala City, Bachelors in Chemical Engineering, Masters in Financial Administration and currently working on MBA with graduation date of June 2011.

Name: Carlos A. Rios

Specialist: Yes

Field of Specialty: Judiciary

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Home County: Polk

Hours Available to Work: Mon-Sun
anytime



Personal/Professional Profile: I am a qualified English/Spanish/Portuguese interpreter and a professional translator with 14 years of experience. Currently, I am the Iowa Executive Director of the Immigration Rights Network of Iowa. Originally from Peru, I received an undergraduate degree in political science and a juris doctorate law-degree. Before coming to Iowa, I worked for 10 years in United Nations in Africa and Central America. I am a specialist in immigration, mediation, human rights, education and community issues. I have done free-lance interpreting and translating for different organizations and corporations for the past 6 years in the field of healthcare, business (financial brochures), judicial (criminal, immigration, family, civil, workers compensation) and education (training, conferences, meetings).

Name: Michelle Taylor

Specialist: No

Field of Specialty: N/A

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Home County: Polk

Hours Available to Work: Anytime



Personal/Professional Profile: I worked for Catholic Charities as a financial assistance manager for 3 years. My duties included interviews, intakes, translations and interpretation for the Spanish community. I also worked for 5 years as an English teacher for children in Cali, Colombia. I am able to read, write, understand and speak, English, French and Spanish. I also have computer skills and am familiar with some programs, for example: Word, Power Point, Excel and others.

Name: Patricia Eugenia Vargas-Ver Ploeg

Specialist: Yes

Field of Specialty: Health

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Home County: Polk

Hours Available to Work: Anytime



Personal/Professional Profile: Health Care Specialization and Generalist Interpretation and Translation Diplomas from DMACC. Provide interpretation and translation in the medical, legal, human services, education and other fields. Member of the Iowa Interpreters and Translators Association. Born in Merida, Mexico. Completed high school in Mexico. Bachelor's degree in Psychology and French. Master's degree in Marriage and Family Counseling. Licensed Mental Health Counselor in Iowa. Studied French at the Insitut Catholique in Paris.

Name: Mariela Victoreen Kahl

Specialist: No

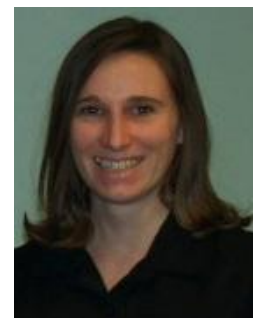
Field of Specialty: N/A

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Home County: Tama

Hours Available to Work: Mon-Fri
flexible



Personal/Professional Profile: I was born in Uruguay and I earned a BA in Secondary Education with an emphasis in English here in the states. I am a certified interpreter and translator. In the past, I have interpreted in a variety of settings which has helped me to keep current on different terminology.

Name: Lizbeth Kiralina Pimentel

Specialist: Yes

Field of Specialty: Health

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Home County: Wapello

Hours Available to Work: Anytime,
please call for hours



Personal/Professional Profile: In August 2008 I received my certification as a Spanish interpreter/translator in health care. I also have my certification as a general interpreter/translator which I received in August 2007. I have worked as a crisis advocate. I translated and interpreted for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. I worked with the county attorney, law enforcement, local resources and immigration to help the victims. I also worked for Clow Valve as the Industrial Relations Clerk for H/R. My duties included clerical work, plus I interpreted and translated anything related to H/R, environmental, medical, business and safety. I have experience working with Mexican and Central American Spanish.

Name: Shirley Ann Nebel

Specialist: Yes

Field of Specialty: Judiciary

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Home County: Washington

Hours Available to Work: Anytime
during the week



Personal/Professional Profile: In August 2008, I received a certificate in interpretation /translation from DMACC, specializing in the legal field, with Spanish as my second language. In addition, I have a BA in education from UNI, majoring in Spanish. I have been a freelance interpreter in district courts and other legal arenas for more than 15 years, and I find it rewarding to assist our non-English speaking population in this way. In addition, it has been my pleasure to interpret in the medical field.

Name: Belinda Cardona-Frazier

Specialist: No

Field of Specialty: N/A

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Home County: Webster

Hours Available to Work: Mon-Fri

8am-8pm Weekends available by appointment.



Personal/Professional Profile: Extensive experience in depositions, criminal, family law, civil, workers compensation, reproductive, forensic language, molestation, rape cases, trial experience. 4 years experience working in courtrooms as a site translator and interpreter. 7 years as medical interpreter. 4 years experience working in educator setting. Paralegal training and 2 year experience in juvenile court. I understand government/policy language from English to Spanish. I am skilled in Spanish of Mexico, la frontera, Tex-Mex, Puerto Rico, Ecuador, and Honduras, cultural knowledge of Mexico, and prison gang slang within Latino populations.
